

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2016– 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2015- APRIL 2016	
		Present	Absent
Austin Scott, Interim Chair	P	7	3
Gregory T. Boardman	A	6	4
Towana Bonaparte	A	7	3
Dr. Ciara L. Bostick	A	6	4
Shakia Burton	P	1	0
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	7	3
Jennifer Gordon	P	7	1
Spencer Jenkins	A	0	1
Deniece Jones	P	8	2
Jennifer L. Kimmey	P	7	3
Dr. Maureen Persi	P	7	3
Betty Shelley	A	5	2
Dr. Barbara Signer	P	2	0
M. Elaine Wilson	P	5	3
Lauren Wood	P	4	0

**Appointed Members to the Board: 15
Needed to constitute a quorum: 8**

Staff

Jorg Hruschka, Staff liaison

Betty Shelley, Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Association

I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Interim Chair, Austin Scott

II. Attendance by Roll Call – Interim Chair, Austin Scott

Determination of quorum

As of this date, August 18th, there are 15 appointed members to the board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is a quorum.

III. Approve minutes (May 19, 2016)

Motion by Maureen Dinnen, seconded by, Dr. Maureen Persi that the said minutes for May 19, 2016 be approved. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Guest Introduction/Presentation: Paula Romo, City of Fort Lauderdale,
Office of the City Manager,
Acting Structural Innovation Manager

Mrs. Romo began her presentation by introducing herself to the Board as the Acting Structural Innovation (SI) Manager in the Office of the City Manager.

She explained that her office oversees strategic planning, structural innovation, process improvement and analytics. Mrs. Romo said one of the services her office oversees is the annual Neighbor survey. She shared last year the EAB was given an overview of the annual Neighbor survey. Mrs. Romo was invited this year to give a presentation of the most recent survey results (see presentation attached).

Dr. Signer stated “something occurred to me when looking at the map is although these schools on the districts one and two have a lower opinion could be expectations are different and that would be difficult to interpret”.

Ms. Dinnen stated “I’m not sure if the people who respond are aware that charter schools are public schools. Some people think that charter schools are private. I don’t know what terminology you could use but not all private schools are Pinecrest or St. Anthony’s. Some people think that charter schools are private, maybe you need to put the word traditional in front of public schools or something like that”.

Mr. Scott said “I agree 100%, same time my concern, maybe they could figure an option better than we could, would be traditional public schools would rule out in some people’s minds maybe some other options that are county run schools”

Chair Elijah asked “do you do random surveys just sending so many mailings? If so, what percentage do you send to parents, do you send another percentage to a certain age category and then another to an age category, how do you do that”?

Chair Elijah asked for a show of hands from the Board asking if anyone has received the survey. She said “I’ve never received this survey”.

Dr. Signer asked “were they sent in different languages, Spanish or Creole”?

Ms. Wilson said “one problem that I’ve always had is the fact that people think I don’t have to be concerned because I don’t have anybody in the schools so it doesn’t matter”.

Mrs. Romo suggested that the Board send questions to her Staff to incorporate in the survey regarding education.

Guest Introduction/Presentation: Broward County Public Schools (BCPS)
Real Estate and Demography Staff

V. Current business

A. BCPS update – Charles Webster

Mr. Webster began his update by encouraging the Board to work with the BCPS Staff who just gave the presentation about school boundaries/concurrency. Mr. Webster announced a few highlights. The final coalition of education advisory board meetings was on April 07th. He said BCPS hosted three for the year and they will “figure out what they will do for next school year”. Mr. Webster said it was a good opportunity for people to share and discuss with other cities who are trying to “ramp up there activities and get together”. He continued by saying “we completed the conversation with the district.” Mr. Webster said the last one was on April 27th.

He also announced 3rd grade FSA results for English and language arts has been released by the State and the results for us are 55% BCPS students scored a 3 or above which is grade level proficiency. This is an increase from 52% in 2015 which was the first year of the new FSA.

B. Board updates/discussions

Chair Elijah began the discussion by stating “Junia told me to bring to your attention for discussion if you were interested in getting a new Chair and Vice-chair. She continued by saying “I don’t know if that’s mandatory maybe she might be able to help us out when she comes back since she’s not here, Jeri’s here.

Mr. Boardman said “are there term limits, do we know”? Mr. Scott and Mrs. Elijah responded by saying “there are term limits but they are not enforced”. Mrs. Elijah continued by saying “be mindful that I’ve been on this board for more than 12 years and I continued to be appointed to preside on this board, now I did hear and its just hearsay that in a recent Commission workshop my Commissioner suggested that maybe I should go on the CRA central board and I’m hearing also that the Mayor said “that’s a great idea Mrs. Edna should do it”, but are they mindful that I’m here and my passion is with the babies, and this is the only board I’ve been on all this years”. She continued by saying “I just wanted to through that your way and if you so choose you can have discussion about it at this meeting at this time or you might want to wait on Junia”.

Mr. Boardman gave an update on Fort Lauderdale high school, he said “I’m the project manager for Fort Lauderdale high and we’ve been moving along with the final phase you will see that I’ve planted the last of the trees, two hundred new palm trees”. Mr. Boardman continued by saying “during the summer we should be fully completed with the project with the new student parking lot and you will see that being occupied.

Mr. Boardman said “Stranahan is the new target and we need to focus on that and perhaps have a meeting there”. He continued by saying “we could pressure the school board on getting the renovations done at that school”.

Mrs. Wilson said “I’ve sat on this board for a number of years and I have been extremely exhausted with people who come on our board and they want to be Chair and as soon as they fill their resume they don’t know who we are”. “Let’s look for people who are dedicated to EAB”. Mrs. Elijah stated “I have not gotten anything in the mail with an effective date and I would appreciate if they are going to vacate me that they give me something in writing showing when my effective date is”. “Mrs. Elijah said she is not vacating and the Board agreed.

Motion by Greg Boardman, seconded by Maureen Dinnen that Mrs. Elijah remains Chair of the Education Advisory Board for 90 days. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Communication to City Commission
(See attached)

VII. New/Future Business

VIII. Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for, Thursday, June 16, 2016

City hall, 8th floor conference room